

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1879)?. Saturday.
My darling Alec:

We have been so disappointed not to see you yesterday or today and now Tuesday seems a very very long way off. I want you home again so much my own dear Alec and I am so sorry to think of you feeling so unhappy and so far away from me, from us all. I waited for you yesterday and Sister and I went to the station for you this afternoon. Your letter telling of the "operation" you underwent alarmed me terribly it was too bad of you to write such letters. Papa says he would back your judgement against that of all the lawyers, and is very sorry you let them tear your patent of 1876 to pieces, perhaps it will be alright after all. Why didn't you vote at the directors meeting for me, Mamma says of course you represent my shares now, Papa has nothing more to do with them.

I am so glad we did come here for this winter, here all is quiet. Of the ice and snow and tumult of Boston there is not a trace. Sunshine and wealth are all around inside and out and O how I wish you were here to enjoy it with me.

Elsie is much better now, she has not been really sick, but certainly not at all well and I have been alarmed about her. Her bowels were so much out of order and she was so restless and slept so little that the doctor determined to make an entire change and we are now giving her my milk and four teaspoonfuls four times a day, of beef tea. She is very much pleased with it and for the last two nights has slept through only waking twice to be nursed. She has not slept so well since Christmas.

I want you to go to Biglowe and Kennards, Tremont St cor. Temple place, and get my travelling clock they have kept for me since 2 the early fall of 1877. It may be kept in

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Mamma's name she does not remember which. Then please send to Mrs. Gibson to send on my large framed photograph of Murillo's Madonna with the baby on her lap and fill Annies tin box with pretty things of mine especially a white plaster bird, and a glass set of mustard and pepper pots and salt cellar, all of which should be in my drawer in the white chest of drawers. She will know. Tell her the davenport came the other day. Find out how much packing and express cost, etc. You won't have time to go yourself but do send a messenger out. I am so anxious to make our home a beauty. It looks so nice how it wants a finishing touch.

Yours ever, Lovingly, Mabel.